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SECRETARYS REPORT OF THE DAY

LECHLADE. 21 members, and 4 guests attended our first outing of the season. We were delighted to welcome new members Terry Burgess, Tom Smith, Geoffrey See, Lloyd Simpson, and Han Kuilderd. We wish them a long, and happy association with the club. As I was also acting as day captain here is my brief report. It was a cold, but fairly bright day with a nagging easterly wind. As the saying goes, when the wind is coming from the east, the fish bite the least. The session before breakfast seemed to bear this out. However with full tums after breakfast things started to improve. It was not easy, but if you kept moving, and changing flies there were fish to be caught. 3 doubles were caught, the best being 11lb 2oz by Peter Burdett, and another 6 fish over 9lbs were weighed in. The only Brown of the day, a superb fish of 9lb 5oz to Bill Berloth. We weighed in 44 fish for a total of 313lbs 6ozs. The average fish weight was just over 7lbs. Martin Eastment repeated his winning form from February of last year, to win the day again with 29lb 9ozs, and as previously mentioned biggest fish prize went to Peter Burdett. All in all a good start to the season.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY LECHLADE

- 1. A GOOD TURNOUT 25 OF US
- 2. BILL BERLOTH'S LOVELY 91b 5oz BROWN
- 3. GREAT BREAKFAST AT 10.30
- 4. A NEW BRIDGE TO THE ISLAND, THE OLD FERRY WITH THE ROPE THAT HURT YOUR HANDS GONE.
- 5. BEST FISH OF THE DAY 111b 2oz PETER BURDETT
- 6. A CUP OF HOT SOUP TO WARM US UP
- 7. GREAT RAFFLE WITH PLENTY OF PRIZES. THANKS GUYS FOR YOUR SUPPORT, AND DONATING SOME PRIZES.
- 8. WELL LOOKED AFTER BY TIM, AND THE LECHLADE CREW
- 9. LAST BUT BY NO MEANS LEAST WELL DONE MARTIN ON WINNING THE DAY.



PETER BURDETT

BEST FISH OF THE

DAY RAINBOW OF

11lb 2oz

THE MEMBERS

NICE ONE BILL



All wearing the new hats.

9lb 5oz Brown



DUNCTON MILL 12th MARCH

With both Joe, and myself being away, it was all down to Kevin to handle the day. From what I hear he performed admirably. Now you know Kevin what I go through at each outing! A great turn out once again with 20 members, and 1 guest attending. Yet again, another good raffle, thanks guys for your support. As usual Martin, and Ian from Duncton looked after us well, not only with providing us with excellent food, and an all day supply of tea, coffee etc, but in particular Ian who spent time with every member giving valuable advice which helped many of them catch. I understand Peter Burdett caught a nice Char. Did anybody else? Please let me know if you did. My thanks to everyone who assisted Kevin on the day. ML Hon Sec

Duncton Mill Saturday 12 March 2016 In thirty odd years trout fishing: I had never been to Duncton Mill before! The best thick fog of the year masked any views of the beautiful countryside I had been told to expect through the Surrey lanes and down the final track, to the fishery. No sign of the South Downs in the murk and a quiet first hour finding our way to the lakes. A good breakfast; attentive hosts and our own guide; Ian to put us right. It paid to listen; each of the four lakes offered a different challenge, on depth and method. His advice worked for me anyway, fishing deep and retrieving quickly, on a sink tip and long leader, including a beautiful 3lb brown, some of the takes were hard to detect as the fish came up behind the flies. As the fog thinned and the day warmed: small flies nearer the top replaced some of the earlier lures success. Godfrey spooned a fish to find buzzers! Bez rejoiced with a super 7lb brown. All the fish were full finned and in great condition. Committee members seemed to be absent enjoying themselves elsewhere; so Kevin worked hard in addition to his Treasurers duties to ensure that our newer members had a smooth day, finding tea and cakes awaiting after a very entertaining day. A bit boggy underfoot after winter, it must be something of a special place into the season. GEOFF BROOKS (Ready to go again)

Joe with a double of 10lb 60z







Above. Martin wins the day 29lb 9oz Peter wins the prize for the biggest fish 11lb 20z.



Bob looking happy



2 Men In A BOAT



Martin into one whilst his Ghillie looks on

ALL LECHLADE PHOTOS

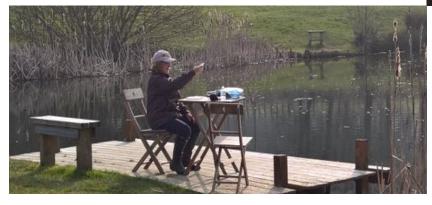
DUNCTON MILL PHOTOS



Above Geoff wins prize for runner up Below Bez the days winner



Ian where did you get that hat!



What is Lynda doing? Answers on a postcard please.



Bez with his 7lb 80z Brown from Duncton Mill

OUR NEXT OUTING AVON SPRINGS SAT 9th APRIL



Final details will be e-mailed to you all this coming weekend. In the meantime the latest information from the fishery. Our friends from Croxley Green Flyfishers had their outing on the 18th of March. The fishing was superb, biggest fish over 11lbs, and the average around 4lbs. Three of our members also fished there last week, and they all bagged up with really good sized hard fighting fish. I believe we can look forward to a really good day. Subject to confirmation, we will be having an all you can eat buffet breakfast in a pub just five minutes away from the fishery, so make sure you check the e-mail for details. To date we have 18 members who have advised their attendance. Ideally we would like to have 20. If you have not put your name down please let me know ASAP if you would like to come. I look forward to seeing you all then.